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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON CANADIAN DC-8 TRANSFER TO CUBA

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DEPARTMENT APPROVED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE FOR CONTIN-  
GENCY USE AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING JANUARY 9. QUESTION DID  
NOT COME UP.--QUOTE

Q: HAS THE DEPARTMENT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE CANADIAN  
GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY DC-8 AIRCRAFT  
RECENTLY LEASED TO CUBA BY AIR CANADA COULD BE USED TO  
TRANSPORT CUBAN TROOPS TO ANGOLA?

A: WE INFORMED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT LAST FALL THAT WE  
HAD NO OBJECTION TO A PROPOSED LEAS: TO THE CUBAN AIRLINE  
OF A DC-8 OWNED BY AIR CANADA. WE WERE ASSURED BY THE  
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CANADIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE INTENDED USE OF THE AIRCRAFT

IS SOLELY COMMERCIAL, AND WE UNDERSTAND THE DC-8 WILL BE  
USED BY CUBANA AIRLINES TO INAUGURATE HAVANA/MONTREAL  
SERVICE IN MAY. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE THE ACTUAL TRANS-  
FER OF THE AIRCRAFT HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE. WE HAVE NO  
PRESENT PLANS TO CONTACT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS  
MATTER.--END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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